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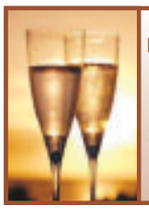

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Ilminster Rotarian takes part in annual Exmoor Challenge

PAST President of the Rotary Club of Ilminster, Roy Pickett, now in his 80s, took part in the annual Exmoor Challenge event in support of the South West Childrens' Hospice.

The Rotary Exmoor Challenge is a gentle competition between Rotary Districts 1170 and 1200 for the Rotary Challenge Shield. Rotarians and their families and friends from each district earn one point for completing the seven mile walk or two points for completing the 12 mile walk. The governor of the district with the most points formally receives the shield at a club meeting with this year's event taking place during April.

In his report to the club, Rotarian Roy Pickett said: "The walk was from the Upton Village Hall at Lowtrow Cross, and around the Wimbleball Lake, through woodland already coming into leaf with the gorse bushes a-blaze and primroses and daffodils aplenty.

"Yes, the day dawned wet and ended wetter, but the walk itself thankfully took place in a dry slot.

Our District 1200 won the trophy again with 90 points from a turnout of 72 walkers; but it was tight - the challengers from 1170 scoring 82 points from 62 walkers.

"We do not know yet how much money was raised for the Childrens' Hospice, but I am sure it exceeded money raised at last year's event, which helped to raise over £8,000.

"My contribution in the end was £265 of sponsorship and £18 entry fees making £281 in all but it wasn't just about the money. Those present, spent a very pleasant three or four hours in magnificent countryside that people travel miles to visit, and we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep.

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New affordable homes taking shape in Chard

By Marion Spencer

A £1million development of 11 affordable rental homes in Great Western Road, Chard, is beginning to take shape.

Raglan Housing, working in partnership with South Somerset District Council and local contractor Brookvale Homes, is building the new houses, which is the second and final phase of a £5.1million mixed development of 56 affordable homes for rent and shared ownership. The first 45 properties were completed in June last year.

The new development will see the construction of six three-bedroom houses, four two-bedroom and one one-bedroom flat. The scheme, which is due for completion in June this year, has been partly financed by the Homes and Communities Agency.

Raglan has invested more than 80 per cent of the development's £5.1million total investment costs into the local supply chain based within a 30-mile radius of the scheme. Every affordable home creates around 2.5 construction jobs and up to four times that many in the wider supply chain.

Matthew Crucifix, Raglan business development manager, said: "We have worked closely with our partners, Somerset District Council and Brookvale Homes, to develop these much needed affordable homes in Chard and we're delighted to be making good progress on their construction. With house prices out of most local people's reach, there is a real demand for high quality rented accommodation in the community, These homes will enable local people to stay within the community close to their families and friends."

All 11 properties will also achieve a Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3 efficiency rating and will have gas central heating, together with gas saver units for the houses and solar panels for the flats. These features will help reduce the impact on the environment and keep energy costs down for residents.

Raglan Housing has a longstanding working relationship with South Somerset District Council and manages over 500 properties across the district.

Tim Carroll, deputy leader of South Somerset District Council, commented: "It will be a significant achievement that, together with other sites being developed with other Housing Association partners, we now expect over 80 new affordable homes to be completed in Chard this financial year."

TAKING SHAPE: Great Western Road development site manager, Rob Pearce of Brookvale Homes and Raglan business development manager, Matthew Crucefix

W news briefing

DAVID Laws, MP for the Yeovil Constituency, has expressed his concern at proposals recently announced by Avon and Somerset Constabulary to close and relocate a number of police stations in the area.

The plans would see the closure and relocation of police stations in Chard, Crewkerne and in Yeovil, while the police office in Ilminster would also be closed and relocated.

Mr Laws said: "I have only recently been informed of these proposals and I am concerned at the impact they may have on policing in our area. I will be asking Avon and Somerset Constabulary to provide more information detailing the realities of their proposals, and I will also be meeting with Sue Mounstevens, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and Nick Gargan, the Chief Constable, to go through the plans very closely.

"Our number one aim must be to ensure that we continue to have a strong and effective police presence across the area."

Chard Police station was closed for seven months five years ago in order to build a new custody suite for the area.

THE Ilminster annual town meeting will be held at Greenfylde School on Tuesday, May 6th at 7.30pm.

All registered electors of the town are welcome to attend the meeting. The agenda will include the mayor's report, financial statement by the town clerk, police report and presentation of awards.

There will also be the opportunity for questions and concerns to be expressed by the public. Questions should be submitted to the council at least 24 hours before the meeting, to allow for due consideration.

New police team crack down on rural crime

POLICE arrested a man for burglary, visited over 270 farms, signed up 75 farms to the Farm Watch Scheme and held property marking sessions across Somerset as part of a day of action tackling rural crime last week.

Officers were also at local events, farmers' markets, farm shops, garden centres and equestrian centres across the area to give crime prevention advice, help with property marking, promote membership of the Farm, Rural and Horse Watch Schemes and hand-out property marking kits.

They also carried our crime reduction surveys at local businesses, tack marking, vulnerable vehicle patrols at rural car parks across the area to raise awareness about theft from cars and stop-checks on the M5 corridor to look for stolen property and illegal red diesel.

Superintendent Ian Wylie, the force lead on rural crime, said: "Last week's day of action was a really positive and successful. We are primarily a rural police force and we need to respond to the needs of our communities. We understand rural crime has a huge impact on both individuals and the local economy and, whilst it is falling, it still cost the UK £43million in 2012.

"We are already working closely with farmers and rural communities and over the past six months we have been talking directly to them to discuss the issues that concern them the most and ways we can improve our service. Launching the rural crime team is a direct result of those conversations."

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens, added: "The introduction of the Rural Crime Team comes at the perfect time with many residents and farmers expressing their desire to engage and work more closely with the police.

"It was clear from the property marking session how fundamental it is that rural crime becomes a priority for Avon and Somerset Police. I believe this new team and focused days of action will build on the invaluable work already undertaken by the police's dedicated officers, staff and volunteers."

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On parade for St George's Day

By Marion Spencer

THE MAYOR of Chard, Councillor Jenny Kenton, was joined by members of the Royal British Legion, clergy, other dignitaries including the High Sheriff of Somerset, and members of local community groups for a showery Sunday parade to mark St George's Day.

The procession included a magnificent green dragon, created during sessions at the Laurel Centre, paraded by Phillip Tucker and Adam Smith. There were also two therapy horses from local charity Horseshoes and Handprints, ridden by Robyn Back and Sarah Holdway, flying the flag of St George. The horses took part by special invitation of the mayor, a supported of the charity, and behaved impeccably despite the unusual sight before them, the wet weather and a drum leading the way.

The unusual procession began at the Guildhall and proceeded up the High Street, along Holyrood Street and on to St Mary's Church for a special service to mark the patron saint day.

Pictured left, Phillip Tucker and Adam Smith with the Laurel Centre dragon creation and, below, the mayor with therapy horses Del and Cracker ridden by Robyn Back and Sarah Holdway of the Horseshoes and Handprints charity.

Below right, the Chard St George's Day parade leaves the Guildhall and, right, Alex Matthews and George Speed of Eclipse Carnival Club dress for the occasion.

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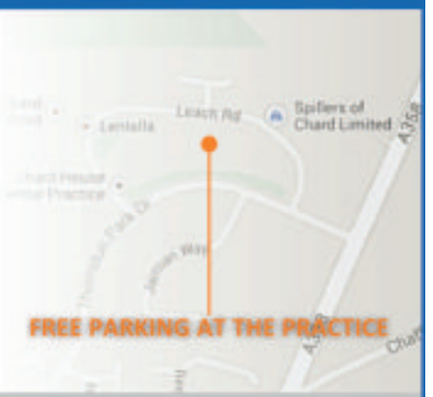

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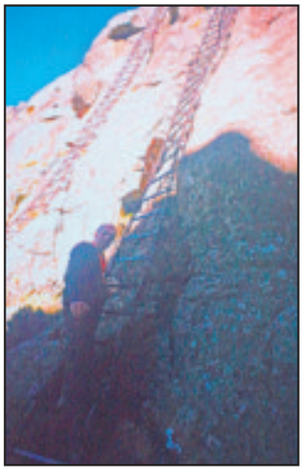
Hiking along the road to recovery

BARELY able to walk 200 metres to the post box 15 months ago following chemotherapy for cancer, Chard town councillor Tony Prior decided to mark his road to recovery and 75th birthday with a two-week hike in the South African Drakensberg Mountains.

Councillor Prior has always like walking and, on retiring in 1999, decided to take it up on a more grand scale, joining a group of walkers organised by Ramblers Worldwide Holidays. Having always been in the thick of organising, he said he enjoyed just being able to turn up at the airport for his latest challenge and let someone else do the arrangements for a change.

When his walks involved a destination where wife Margaret could relax and enjoy the atmosphere she joined him, but her knees did not allow much walking so Tony previously completed longer hikes, such as Hadrian's Wall and Mount Kilimanjaro, on his own.



The Drakensberg Mountains trip was from March 28th to April 11th and, still in remission from cancer, it was the councillor's toughest challenge ever, with high altitude and long treks to deal with. Even the hotel was 5,000 feet above sea level.

Councillor Prior described the experience as "exciting, exhilarating and exhausting".

"The Drakensberg are a fascinating and fantastic World Heritage Site with mountains towering up to over 11,000 feet. I found the walking challenging and it took me to the limits of my capabilities some days," he added.

The walks varied in length, with a couple of short walks of four to five hours, up to eight hours for the amphitheatre. Most days involved crossing streams, often several times, but although the daily walks were strenuous Councillor Prior said the nights were spent in two hotels, seven nights in each, where the service, food and accommodation were second to none.

The keen walker did take one day off in the second week to entertain his brother, the Reverend Dr Laurence Prior, a research fellow in the University of South Africa, who had driven down from Pretoria the previous day to visit him.

He concluded: "The most difficult and most memorable day was the trek to the top of the amphitheatre, a wonderful natural phenomenon. We started that day at 6am for a three-hour minibus journey to access the walk.

■ ROAD TO RECOVERY: Councillor Tony Prior celebrated beating cancer and his 75th birthday with a two-week South African hike. Left, pictured at the bottom of a 100-rung ladder at the amphitheatre

"Although we were advised to carry warm clothes in case it was cold and even wet at 10,000 feet, we enjoyed (or endured) a beautiful sunny day. The views from the amphitheatre were magnificent but the final climb to the plateau involved a 100-rung ladder up a sheer cliff face.

"Like some of my companions I developed a headache at that altitude and at one point had chest pains which scared me a bit. I am glad that I managed to complete the walk, which took eight hours, but I would not do it again."

Councillor Prior hopes his story might inspire others to take up walking, particularly younger members of the community.

BUCKLAND St Mary Primary School has two football teams, both of which have benefited from new sponsorship.

Thanks to the generosity of PC Doctor, Barrons and online company Printing.com the teams have been able to compete against other local primary schools.

Headteacher Nick Arnold said they were extremely grateful to their sponsors and, as both teams had won their first matches in the new kit, they must have been a lucky charm which he hoped would continue.

Pictured bottom right, Buckland St Mary Year 3 and 4 football players with coach Simon Day, sponsor James Wallis of PC Doctor and headteacher Nick Arnold, and above right, Year 5 and 6.

Brightening up youth club

■ **BETTER IMAGE:Vicky Helyar of ASAL, Daine Butler of ABCD, Zena Hodgson of ASAL, district councillor Angie Singleton, Pete May of ASAL, founder and youth club members, Curtis (peer leader) and youngsters Natasha, Geli, Eddie and Peter**

THE youth club area of the George Reynolds Centre in Crewkerne has been brightened up with some new art work, thanks to a project initiated by Active Skills and Learning, (ASAL) which runs the youth sessions.

Over just two days during the Easter break, a small group of youth club members worked with artist Scott Walker to create six colourful cartoon wall installations.

The artist's method was to provide some creature shape templates for the young artists to work with. They designed the cartoon outline they wanted, which he then made into an outline composition on boards. Using water-based acrylic paint pens, the cartoons were coloured in by the youngsters with some of the backgrounds being done using spray paints outside.

The result has covered areas of the concrete walls, giving a much brighter, friendlier face to the youth club area with images they felt appealed to all ages. In the room shared with the Jigsaw Pre-School, the boards have been set a little lower on the walls for their benefit.

Special project worker with ASAL, Vicky Helyar, initiated the idea as she felt some of the young people may be put off by the institutional look of the building and needed to make their mark to claim it as their space. She hopes now that more local youngsters will be less intimidated by the area and encourage more use of the youth sessions held there.

The ethos of the non-profit company, which also works in Chard and Ilminster, is that the youth club is peer-led with adult guidance so the young people have more say in the activities and learn the responsibility of leadership. Lead project worker for Crewkerne, Zena Hodgson, said the feedback from the rest of the group had been very positive and there was room on the walls to possibly expand on the idea.

Funding for the project came from South Somerset District Council (£600) and A Better Crewkerne and District(£500). Zena said they were very grateful for the support received.

The directors of Crewkerne Sports and Youth Activities Ltd., which manages the building, were so impressed with the finished panels. They were already discussing the possibility of some more sport-themed cartoons in other parts of the centre.

The young artists involved said they had found the project very engaging and a great deal of fun because of the method used, they saw almost instant results and the effect was great feedback from everyone else in the group.

Steam train the main attraction for crowds at station open day

VISITORS to Crewkerne Station's open day, organised by the Friends of Crewkerne Station, were treated to West Country Light Pacific Braunton steaming through as part of the Great Britain Rail Tour.

Now in its 7th year, the tour uses a number of engines to pull passengers around the country over a number of days.

Friends secretary Gail Coleshill was pleased that so many people were able to come and see the engine passing through.

She said: "It's a powerful sight to see a massive steam train roaring through the station. We were all thrilled to bits at such a culmination to our very successful open day."

South West Trains stations manager, Glen Hatherly, was the guest of honour on the day and drew the raffle.

Pictured top, Braunton travelling through the station and, bottom, the Friends of Crewkerne Station with South West Trains stations manager Glen Hatherly (centre).

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Critic praises choral society concert

SOUTH Somerset Choral Society, conducted by Tim Donaldson, recently performed J.S. Bach's "St John Passion" in South Petherton Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul.

The choir was accompanied by an 18-strong orchestra, led by Jane Margeson and six soloists, including a magisterial "Pontius Pilate" sung by choir member Arwel Huw Morgan.

In his review of the performance, local critic John Patrick Mingay said: "Another excellent offering from the South Somerset Choral Society and a convincing account of this wonderful work.

"All of the six soloists sang with commitment, passion, tenderness and fine control. John Young (organ) and Miriam Wakeling (cello), deserve special praise for providing first-class continuo playing."

He added that the full audience certainly appreciated the hard work and dedication from all concerned and the choir should be well pleased with the results.

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Legion select winner of Jack Sandy Shield

■ WINNER: Corporal Luke Harker with the Jack Sandy Shield. Right, Ilminster RBL branch chairman John Goodall, Sargeant James Parkinson, Corporal Luke Harker, Mayor Emma Jane Taylor, Sargeant Samuel Hall and Flight Sargeant Harrison White

by Marion Spencer

YOUNG cadets from Ilminster were considered for the Jack Sandy Shield for Excellence during April with Corporal Luke Harker of the Army Cadet Force recently named this year's winner.

Interviews for the shield were held in April for cadets aged between 16 and 18 nominated by the Ilminster Platoon of the Army Cadet Force (ACF), 2381 (Ilminster) Squadron and the Air Traning Corps (ATC).

The interviews were carried out by a panel of three from the Ilminster branch of the Royal British Legion, who said they were again impressed by this year's nominees and their CVs. Candidates were judged on their achievements, aspirations for the future and how they presented themselves.

Branch chairman John Goodall praised the cadets for their affiliation and that their static collection for the Poppy appeal had raised £400 in just one day. He said the selection of a winner gets harder year on year and this year was no exception.

Co-ordinator John Robson said: "The quality of the candidates was nothing short of remarkable, not only in their achievements within their units, but academically as well. Besides this, the extracurricular activities they do outside of school and their units is a credit to each of them and the fact that their unit commanders nominated them for the selection board makes each one of them a winner just by being selected.

"Sadly there can be only one overall winner and after careful deliberation the panel declared the winner of the Jacky Sandy Shield 2014 to be Corporal Luke Harker of the ACF with Sergeant Samuel Hall of the ATC as a very close runner-up."

Sargeant James Parkinson, ATC, and Flight Sargeant Harrison White, ATC, were third and fourth respectively. The presentations of the shield and certificates were made by the Mayor of Ilminster, Councillor Emma Jane Taylor, in the absence of the Legion branch president, Colonel Frank Gale, on Monday, April 28th in the Minster Rooms.

Shield winner Luke is 16 and has been a cadet for five years. He said it was the sense of community which had appealed to him most in joining and he had made lots of friends. He likes teaching some of the other cadets and said this had given him the confidence to talk to an audience of more than 500 people at school.

Luke added that he also enjoyed the "big boy stuff" such as the adventure training.

Jack Sandy was born in 1919 and joined the Somerset Light Infantry at the start of World War II. After being demobbed he found he missed the comradeship of his Army friends and so joined the Royal British Legion. He was branch chairman for many years and was presented with the highest award given by the Legion, the Gold Badge, for loyal service.

Jack stood down as chairman in 1993 and took up the office of president, which he held until his death in November 1996. He was known locally as Mr British Legion and was much admired and respected by all.

The award has been presented every year since Mr Sandy's death and is seen as a fitting memorial to a man who gave a great deal of his time to both the Ilminster Branch of the Royal British Legion and the youth of the town.

Charity filmmakers hold book sale

ILMINSTER film-making charity Purple Field Productions will be holding another of its popular book sales to raise funds for its latest project.

Founder and film maker Elspeth Waldie's next assignment this summer takes her to Kenya, where she will be meeting her co-author for a drama about cerebral palsy with the shoot planned for this autumn.

This illness is poorly understood amongst Kenyans and her recent work in West Africa attracted attention and a request for help from the charity. This time, the film will take the form of a drama to show that people with cerebral palsy can still play a part in society.

There will be a selection of nearly new, old and interesting tomes in the charity book sale, which will be held on Friday, May 9th in the Market Square, Ilminster, from 9am.

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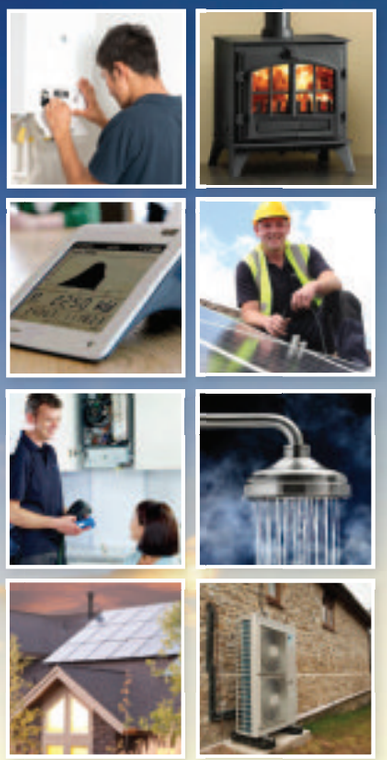

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Final parade for South Somerset scouts

by Marion Spencer

THE ANNUAL St George's Day church parade of the South Somerset District of the Scouts was tinged with sadness for many, as it was the last one they would have before amalgamating with Taunton Deane District later this year.

The new name has not yet been decided and the combined area is currently being referred to simply as District B.

Hosted in Ilminster on the wettest St George's Day in recent years, Scout troops of Ilminster, Ilton and Broadway, Hinton St George, Crewkerne, Chard and Manor Court, paraded to The Minster for a special service led by the Reverend Deirdre Fife.

A quote was read from the father of scouting, Lord Baden Powell: "The real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people." The Reverend Fife also referred to recent Easter celebrations, new life and how the Scouting Association South Somerset District was about to take new steps.

She said it was a time to remember all the good things they had done and that changes were a part of life. She added: "I know whatever you are called, you will be a credit to your towns and villages."

The hymn 'He's Got The Whole World in his Hands" was sung with the last line changed to "he's got the Somerset standard in his hands".

Each group renewed their Scout Promise, wood beads were presented to the new leaders and awards for long service made. Then a potted history of the South Somerset District was read out with the names of the ex-district commissioners, starting with George Cooper, from Crewkerne, in 1960, who is still involved with scouting after over 70 years, and ending with the late Dawn Wines, of Ilminster, who had not been replaced after her death in 2012.

During the existence of the district, some towns had seen more than one troop and some of the village groups had disbanded, but the enthusiasm for the movement as a whole had remained and a special thank you was said to landowners and farmers who had allowed the scouts to camp on their property over the years.

For the first and last time time due to the weather, it was decided the traditional inspection should be held in the aisle of the Minster.

The Mayor of Ilminster, Councillor Emma Jane Taylor, and deputies of Chard and Crewkerne, Councillors Garry Shortland and Andrea Stuart, joined the county representative to choose the best turned out. With only half a point in it, Ilton and Broadway troup won the shield.

There was a retiring collection for Macmillan Cancer Care.

The weather took another turn and the parade back to Greenfylde School was able to go ahead, a little later than scheduled. The scouts would like to thank the dedicated team of marshals who controlled the traffic as they walked for the last time under the South Somerset District standard.

■ INSPECTION TIME: 1st Crewkerne Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

■ BEST ON PARADE: Ilton and Broadway Scouts

■ INSPECTION TROPHY: Deputy Mayor of Chard, Councillor Garry Shortland, county representative John Lewis, Mayor of Ilminster, Councillor Emma Jane Taylor, Deputy Mayor of Crewkerne, Councillor Andrea Stuart, and members of Ilton and Broadway

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Improve your mental health with 'Books on Prescription'

SOMERSET libraries, in partnership with Somerset County Council's Public Health, are promoting a new collection of "Books On Prescription" across the county for children and young people, ahead of a national list that is also being considered by the Reading Agency.

The new range, which is aimed to help young people improve their health and happiness, is now available on the "Books On Prescription" scheme.

The initiative, co-ordinated by Somerset Libraries and Somerset County Council's Public Health team, enables general practitioners and others working at the front line of health care, to prescribe self-help books. Patients can then borrow the books recommended from their local public library.

This new range aims to help children, parents and their carers with problems that may affect their health and happiness, and includes titles such as "Starving The Anger Gremlin?", a cognitive behavioural therapy workbook on anger management for young people.

Councillor Christine Lawrence, the county council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "The 'Books On Prescription' scheme has proven successful with adults and I'm pleased to see there are now specialist titles for young people too. It's such a simple concept, and one that is really effective in helping people to improve their own health and happiness."

A list of 24 books have been carefully selected by mental health experts, covering subjects such as depression, bullying, eating disorders, Asperger's syndrome, managing anger, dealing with stress and coping with family problems.

Many of the books in the scheme are self-help titles. They give advice and information and set the reader things to do to help them feel better. According to the Office for National Statistics, one in 10 children between the ages of one and 15 has a mental health disorder.

The books are available in Somerset's largest libraries and will be located with the adult "Reading Well Books On Prescription" collection. A list of the titles is available in all libraries and books can be reserved free of charge at any library.

All titles have been researched by library and health professional staff.

Libraries offer chance to boost CVs

SOMERSET Library Service is once again offering young people the chance to boost their CVs with a volunteering opportunity over the school summer holidays.

The offer is open to anyone aged between 13 and 25 years old who has an interest in books and would like to be involved in encouraging children to get into reading.

During July and August each year, over 7,000 children visit Somerset's libraries to join in with the Summer Reading Challenge, which encourages children aged four to 11 to read six books during the summer holidays. The volunteers are needed to work with the library staff to help children improve their literacy skills while having fun and could find themselves involved in any number of things, from registering children to helping to organise story and craft sessions.

As well as boosting their CVs, the young people will receive a T-shirt and other goodies, and be invited to a volunteers' celebration event at the end of the summer.

Councillor David Hall, Somerset County Council cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, said: "This is an excellent opportunity for young people to work within the community, gain experience of helping children and at the same time give a real boost to their CVs to help them with their future careers."

Sue Crowley, strategic manager for Somerset Library Service, added: "Somerset Library Service had its most successful year ever with the Summer Reading Creepy House Challenge in 2013, and we're looking forward to working with our young people to help even more children discover the joy of reading."

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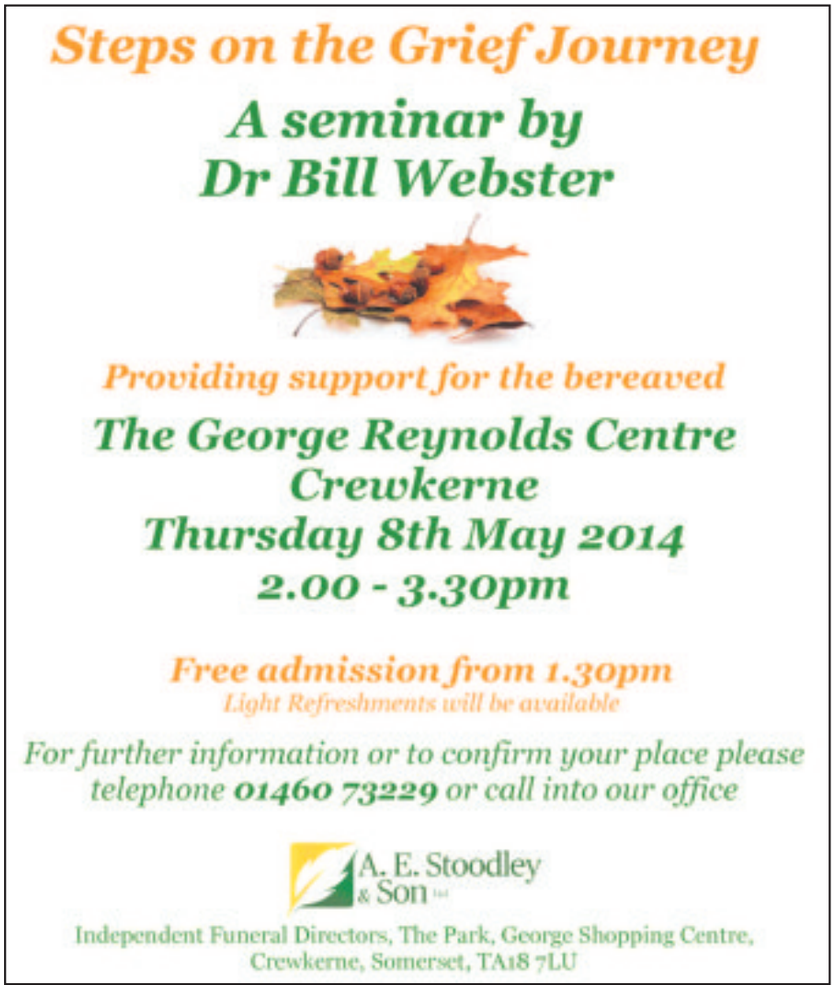

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Jenna had been scheduled to jump the previous weekend, but a day of nothing but thick fog meant the skydive had to be postponed until the following week.

She described the jump as one of the most exhilarating experiences of her life, and that she'd love to do it again. Jenna thanked everyone who supported her sponsored skydive.

Keeping their feet firmly on the ground at all times, deputy editor James Coles and his brother, Richard, walked from the English Channel (Seaton, East Devon) to the Bristol Channel (Watchet, West Somerset) over Sunday 13th and Monday, April 14th.

Talking after their two-day walk, James said: "We were lucky enough to have perfect weather on both days, and only made a couple of wrong turns along the way!

"Apart from aching feet and the odd blister, we both made it through unscathed.

"The first day saw us make the gradual ascent from Seaton to Stockland Hill via Colyton and Shute, before crossing the A30, dropping down into Upottery, navigating our way across the Blackdowns and finally descending into Taunton via Blagdon Hill.

"After a much deserved take away curry and a nine-hour kip, we embarked on day two.

"This saw us head out of Taunton via Norton Fitzwarren and Bishops Lydeard towards the Quantock Hills.

"Although we'd covered the lion's share of the miles on day one, the steeper climbs the Quantocks posed made the second day slightly tougher. But the views were magnificent!

"We reached our final destination of Watchet Harbour by half-five on the Monday, and were more than happy with our efforts."

Richard added: "Even now my right foot is a little sore, but it was all worth it for the personal achievement, and moreover the money raised."

James and Richard would like to thank everyone who sponsored them on their Channel2 Channel Walk.

Rotarian Hugo Pike OBE, director of the charity WorldWaterWorks, which is responsible for the Water Survival Box project, said: "I note that the Coles brothers duly completed their sponsored walk in aid of the Water Survival Box charity – a great achievement – and hopefully the blisters are now beginning to subside!

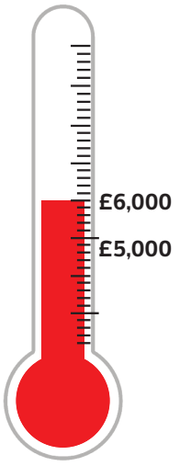
"At the same time I saw that Jenna Wellman has made her sponsored skydive.

"Please pass our congratulations and most sincere thanks to all three of them (and no doubt several supporters who provided essential back-up) for these tremendous efforts."

Including Gift Aid, James and Richard's walk raised just over £1,000 for the appeal, with the final tally for Jenna's jump yet to be calculated.

ALL SET | Richard (left) and James Coles preparing for the start of their Channel2Channel Walk in Seaton

TARGET £10,000



LATEST NEWS

TWO hundred WSBs are set to be collected from the WorldWaterWorks depot this week.

They are destined to be flown to Santiago in Chile and will then be taken to the north of the country for distribution to families made homeless by the earthquake and tsunami that struck earlier this month.

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JUMPING JENNA | Images from throughout the day (clockwise from left): The view from above the clouds; Jenna preparing to leap from the Beech 99 aircraft; a smooth landing back on solid ground; and enjoying the ride back to Earth

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MEGSON AT THE DAVID HALL

The Husband and wife duo are set to play the South Petherton venue

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Kast Off Kinks at The Gateway

Two top National Theatre performances will also be screened live at the Seaton venue

THE iconic British rock band, The Kinks, are often cited as one of the most important and influential rock bands of all time, and the **Kast Off Kinks** will bring all the groups greatest hits to Seaton on Saturday, May 17th.

The Kinks' first hit, *You Really Got Me*, in 1964, broke new ground with driving power chords and Dave Davies' distorted guitar sounds, and created a template for many bands to follow in a rock and roll development which led variously to heavy metal, new wave and grunge.

Later work saw the band's style change to more melodic songs, highlighting Ray Davies' lyrical and observational skills in songs like *Sunny Afternoon*, *Dead End Street* and *Waterloo Sunset*.

Although the band's popularity in the UK waned in the 1970s, they found new commercial success, particularly in the USA, in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and returned to the UK top 20 in 1983 with *Come Dancing*. The Kinks continued as a recording and gigging band until 1996, when the Davies brothers went their separate ways with solo careers.

The Kast Off Kinks formed in 1994 to keep the music playing on, and it is what the name implies – the original line-up consisted of the band that played *Lola* (apart from Ray and Dave) – Mick Avory, John Dalton and John Gosling – together with singer/guitarist Dave Clarke.

The current line-up is the band that played *Come Dancing* – Avory, Gibbons and Jim Rodford (respectively the Kinks' longest-serving drummer, keyboard player and bassist) – still with Dave Clarke covering for the Davies brothers. (As Jim is currently very busy playing with The Zombies and Argent, John Dalton often comes out of retirement to stand in for him.)

Almost every other ex-Kink has guested with The Kast Off Kinks, including Ray Davies.

Tickets are £12 in advance and £15 on the door.

FOLLOWING its smash-hit live broadcast in 2012, the National Theatre production of ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*** returns to cinemas, with a screening at Seaton's Gateway at The Town Hall on Friday, May 23rd..

Based on the acclaimed novel by Mark Haddon, adapted by Simon Stephens and directed by Marianne Elliott, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* has been hailed by The Times as 'a phenomenal combination of storytelling and spectacle'. Winner of 7 Olivier Awards in 2013, including Best New Play.

Christopher, fifteen years old, has an extraordinary brain – exceptional at maths while ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. When he falls under suspicion of killing Mrs Shears' dog Wellington, he records each fact about the event in the book he is writing to solve the mystery of the murder. But his detective work, forbidden by his father, takes him on a frightening journey that upturns his world.

Tickets £12.50 in advance and £15 on the door.

ALAN Ayckbourn's ***A Small Family Business***, a riotous exposure of entrepreneurial greed, returns to the National Theatre where it premiered in 1987.

Jack McCracken: a man of principle in a corrupt world. But not for long. Moments after taking over his father-in-law's business he's approached by a private detective armed with some compromising information. Jack's integrity fades away as he discovers his extended family to be thieves and adulterers, looting the business from their suburban homes. Rampant self-interest takes over and comic hysteria builds to a macabre climax.

National Theatre Live broadcast of *A Small Family Business* will be screened at The Gateway at Seaton Town Hall on Thursday, June 12th at 7pm.

Tickets £12.50 in advance and £15.00 on the door.

Tickets for all shows are available from the Town Hall box office on 012987 625699, and online at www.seatongateway.co.uk

Brain Gym

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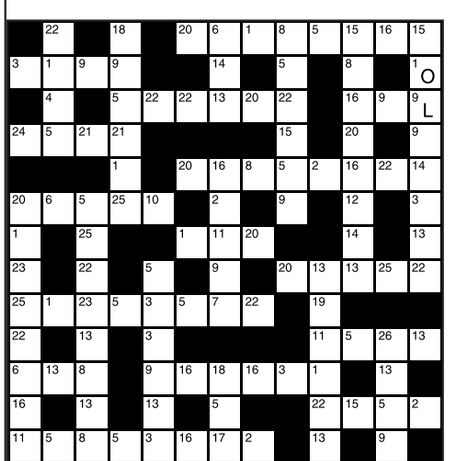
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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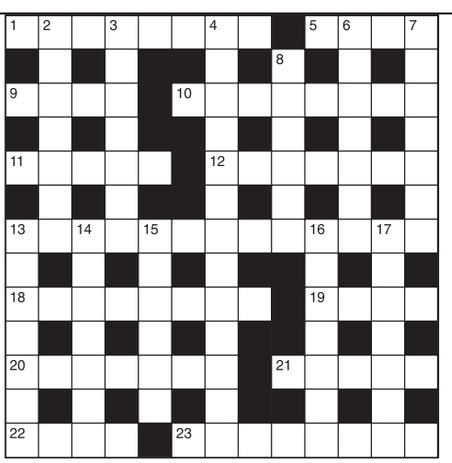
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Justice characteristic of the Scandinavians (8)
5. Very keen to do a turn as a singer (4)
9. 50 amp. bulb? (4)
10. Lend a car out as something for daily use (8)
11. It's sung in pleasantly rich surroundings (5)
12. Cow-catchers? (7)
13. They figure a great deal in population surveys (13)
18. Exit angrily, to destroy (5,3)
19. He's on about being present (4)
20. Noise or disturbance can be wearing (7)
21. There's space to travel in it (5)
22. Trifles - child's play really (4)
23. Influence of a converted priest, for example (8)

Down

2. He studies make-up (7)
3. Create a fresh impression (7)
4. Hot-looking athlete or climber (7-6)
6. Huntress follows in a state (7)
7. Stops and takes into custody (7)
8. Decimal used in some tricky calculations (6)
13. His guilt is a possibility (7)
14. Perhaps to many a branch of medicine (7)
15. Harm one thousand and two (6)
16. People who do so get what's coming to them (7)
17. Dealing with someone with a complaint (7)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Vigorous (8)
5. Possesses (4)
9. Boast (4)
10. Sticky (8)
11. Rash (5)
12. Slumberer (7)
13. Some time (6,2,5)
18. Check (8)
19. Depravity (4)
20. Italian wine (7)
21. Sag (5)
22. Near (4)
23. Replied (8)

Down

2. Violent wind (7)
3. Alleviate (7)
4. Ill-health (13)
6. Racing dog (7)
7. Clipper (7)
8. Disclose (6)
13. Opponent of the Crusaders (7)
14. Ejecting (7)
15. Mission (6)
16. Unfavourable (7)
17. Envelop (7)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Record; 4 Spread; 9 Debt-collector; 10 Calls up; 11 Aired; 12 Light; 14 Relay; 18 Cream; 19 Incense; 21 Cheerlessness; 22 Attest; 23 Beaten. Down: 1 Reduce; 2 Co-belligerent; 3 Races; 5 Prelate; 6 Entertainment; 7 Deride; 8 Slips; 13 Humerus; 15 Acacia; 16 Vices; 17 Reason; 20 Caste. QUICK - Across: 1 Modest; 4 Stable; 9 Miscellaneous; 10 Lingers; 11 Ether; 12 Sever; 14 Users; 18 Strip; 19 Deprive; 21 Entertainment; 22 Desert; 23 Chaste. Down: 1 Mumble; 2 Disintegrates; 3 Sieve; 5 Tenders; 6 Brotherliness; 7 Ensure; 8 Close; 13 Emperor; 15 Ascend; 16 Ideal; 17 Settle; 20 Pinch.

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Misterton Village Fete offers fun for all

THIS year's popular Misterton Village Fete will take place on Sunday, May 18th from 12noon to 4pm.

The same committee of Misterton residents as for the previous year have been working since the last fete was over to ensure this years fete lives up to the standard to which visitors have become accustomed.

The usual attractions of hog roast, burgers, hot dogs and cold refreshments in the Village Hall itself will be available for the hungry, and a bar for the thirsty.

As well as the many stalls the children will be well catered for with a helter skelter, carousel and a children's corner. In addition there will be numerous stalls from local organisations and charities.

The children from Misterton School will again dance in the arena.

This years attraction for dog lovers will be a dog obedience competition for all to enter. New attractions will include vehicles from the Mini Owners and a Donkey and Cart. As usual there is no charge for admission or car parking.

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AS ANTICIPATED, April proved to be a very special month of music at The David Hall.

The programme started on Sunday 6th when we were entertained by the long-established Scottish band, The Tannahill Weavers. All who attended fully enjoyed a night of high-quality traditional Scottish music played by four outstanding musicians.

On Thursday 10th April, bagpipes were again to the fore with a return visit by the Isle of Skye's fabulous Peatbog Faeries. This was a Chance to Dance event and everyone who could took advantage of the opportunity! Nearly two hours of high-energy Scottish-influenced music was played with many varied but infectious dance beats. The capacity audience left begging me to try and get them back. This is already in hand so, hopefully, in the Autumn of 2015, we shall see the Peatbogs again for what will be their fourth visit.

Music in April ended on Saturday 26 April with another full house that was totally charmed by the performance of the Irish Folk singer, Heidi Talbot. A mixture of traditional and contemporary material showed off the range and quality of Heidi's voice and also the musical skills of multi-instrumentalist John McCusker and guitarist Ian Carr. What was a truly wonderful night left people wanting more!

We are looking forward to what will be a very busy May as far as music is concerned, with five quality but very different performances at The David Hall and an exciting gig that Petherton Arts Trust is supporting at The Octagon Theatre in Yeovil.

We start on Friday 2nd with Jez Lowe, one of the North East's most influential Folk/Acoustic/Celtic singer/songwriters who will perform for us with his band, The Bad Pennies. Jez has a great stage presence and his musicians will give outstanding instrumental back-up featuring guitar, cittern, fiddle, fretless bass, keyboards and Northumbrian pipes. A night of top quality music is guaranteed!

On Saturday 10th May we welcome Canadian Devon Sproule for the first time. Devon is now based in Texas, USA, and her totally unique performances impress audiences wherever she performs. She has appeared at Glastonbury and on Later... live with Jools Holland and her music - with influences of Jazz, Folk, Indie-Pop and Country - always impresses.

On Monday 19th May, The David Hall will be supporting a performance by Spiers and Boden at The Octagon, Yeovil. Spiers and Boden have been described by The Guardian as "the finest instrumental duo on the Traditional scene" and have twice won the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Best Duo. Their performance will start at 7.30pm and bookings can be made by calling 01935 422 884.

Saturday 17th sees a return visit to South Petherton by the "supergroup" Kan, featuring four outstanding musicians led by flute virtuoso, Brian Finnegan (ex-Flook) and the daring fiddle deftness of Lau's Aiden O'Rourke. They are joined by Jim Goodwin on drums and Ian Stephenson on guitar. Wonderful to have this truly outstanding band back with us!

This month of outstanding music continues on Thursday 22nd when we welcome husband and wife duo, Stu and Debbie Hannah, known as Megson. They draw heavily on their Teesside heritage to create a truly unique brand of Folk that was described by The Sunday Express as 'simply brilliant'. Megson have also twice won a Spiral Earth Award. A real pleasure to have them back!

The final gig is on Saturday 31st when the excellent Tarras perform for us for the first time. I have tried to book this six-piece band for a very long time as in my opinion they are one of the best groups playing Traditional music in what is a very Contemporary style. A mix of self-penned and Traditional material reworked in the band's distinctive way is a guarantee for a great night.

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone that the 3rd Petherton Folk Fest will take place in South Petherton on Saturday 21st June. A mix of dance and live performance throughout the day will be fully supported by a variety of stalls, children's entertainment and various workshops – ensuring a fun day for all ages. Further details will follow in my report at the end of May but meanwhile, if you have access to the internet, the website is at www.pethertonfolkfest.org.uk

Happy music listening and watching to everyone!

All the very best,
Pete Wheeler
of Petherton Arts Trust

◆ Other events at The David Hall in May include Bristol Old Vic Theatre School's production of Georges Feydeau's Sauce for the Goose on Thursday 13th May at 7.30pm. Suitable for anyone over 12 years of age, Feydeau's sparkling play switches from riotous farce to barbed social satire. Film-lovers will flock to Petherton Picture Show's two screenings in May – the multi-Oscar-winning Gravity on the 9th and the much-acclaimed The Butler on the 23rd.

The David Hall's ever-popular monthly Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 28th from 10am and Performance Night is schedule for Friday 30th at 7.30pm.

For further details about any of the above events please check the website, www.thedavidhall.org.uk.

What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

by Sara Loveridge

THE **Concerts in the West** series continues with the **Aoyama Duo** tonight (2nd). Featuring Katherine Bicknell (flute) and Keziah Thomas (harp) they will be performing a programme of Handel, Alwyn, Scott, Debussy, Bartók, Maxwell Davies, and Piazzolla, while **The Artisans** present **A Medieval Experience** on 16th - an Ilminster Rotary Club charity event for Polio Plus. For more information see: www.concertsinthewest.org.

Top UK acoustic blues and folk guitarist **Rick Payne** makes a welcome return on 9th. Often compared to American guitarist Ry Cooder, Rick's finger-picking and slide guitar incorporates the sounds of delta blues, piedmont, ragtime and slide. A must-see for all aspiring guitarists and lovers of traditional folk and blues guitar,

If straight ahead swinging jazz and Latin (with a touch of Funk) is more your thing then you won't want to miss **The Matt Wates Sextet** on 23rd.This London-based band is much sought-after and the combination of two saxes, trumpet and rhythm section reflects the style of bands from the 50s and 60s, such as Horace Silver and Art Blakey.

Experience an evening of jocular fun, participation and surprises with **'Arris's Music'**All on 30th, as Chris Harris brings his 'Ilarious one-man show to Ilminster. Expect a rollercoaster of songs, jokes and visual humour from the age of variety and music hall such as Randolph Sutton, Dan Leno, Stanley Holloway and Max Miller, Marvo the Great Illusionist, the phantom juggler and hear stories from the end of the pier and beyond.

The work of three talented artists features in **Sculptor**, **Print-maker, Painter** until 17th May. Sculptor Richard Langford works in a variety of materials and his meticulous approach leads the viewer's eye to discover the detail of his creations, print-maker Tessa McKintyre uses traditional linocut and screen methods to create striking landscapes, and painter David Brackston's work uses bright, bold colour throughout his Wessex land and seascapes, figurative and butterfly paintings.

An array of contemporary stitched textiles go on display for **Textile Expressions** from 19th-31st. Enjoy everything from books, batik, basketry, quilts, felt and 3D pieces incorporating many different techniques and materials.

Discover a wide range of stalls at our **Local Craft and Produce Market** this Saturday (3rd), and at the next **Antiques and Vintage Collectables Fair** on 24th. Dust off those treasured items for a free valuation by **Bearnes, Hampton and Littlewood** on 22nd.

Don't miss our new workshops which include: **Beginners Wirework Jewellery**: **Avalon Necklace** on 8th, a **Guitar Workshop** on 10th, and **Thread Bowls** on 20th. For full details see: www.themeetinghouse.org.uk/workshop.

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FRIDAY MAY 2ND

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at The Victoria Hall. 1.45-4pm £2 p.p. including tea and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

MISTERTON: Misterton Tennis Club - Introduction course for 4-16 year olds with new part-time coach Cameron Reilly (from DSC Coaching in Taunton). 1pm each Friday. For more details call 01460 74368 or just turn up and pay and play on the day.

SATURDAY MAY 3RD

NORTH PERROTT: Harp Flute Concert at Perrott Hill School, at 6.30pm. For North Perrott Church Roof Appeal. £15 – under 18s free. Includes supper and glass of wine. For more details call 01460 72883.

YARCOMBE: Plant Sale at Yarcombe Village Hall. 10am-12noon. Garden tools and gardening books stall, refreshments, cake stall and raffle. In aid of Church Flower Fund.

CREWKERNE: Come and try bowling at Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club Open Day, from 10.30am-3pm. Come along and have your free Taster Session of Lawn Bowls and meet some of our members - free cup of tea included! The only requirement is flat-soles shoes - we will provide everything else. Experienced players and beginners equally welcome - come along and give Bowls a try. Green at the corner of Severalls Park Avenue and Lang Road. For more information on call 01460 77014 or just come along to the green.

TUESDAY MAY 6TH

CHARD: Chard Ladies' Evening Guild meeting. Anne Mosscrop talking about Trekking in the Andes. All welcome. At Manor Court School at 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch. All this for £6.50 (including a session charge). Transport can be arranged. Please call 01460 74340 for more details.

CREWKERNE: Computer Group 10.00am to 12 noon at Henhayes Centre.

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH

ILMINSTER: Murder Mystery event, performed by members of Warehouse Theatre. Proceeds to Rotary president's Charity for the year, St. Margaret's Hospice. Organised by Brenda Lake (Community Service Chair of The Rotary Club of Ilminster). At Shrubbery Hotel. Black tie event, starting at 7pm. £20 including 2 course dinner. To book tickets contact Brenda on - 01460 249304 or by e-mail brenda.lake@hotmail.com.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837

SOUTH PETHERTON: South Petherton Photographic Society presentation. Talk by local photographer Don Bishop & entitled 'Landscapes & Steam Engines'. At Methodist Church Hall, Palmer Street from 7.30pm. Admission £3 for non-members, members free.

CREWKERNE: Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm

ILMINSTER: Open Morning at the Warehouse Theatre, Brewery Lane, during the weekend of the Ilminster Experience. From 10am-1pm. Beverage bar open. Have a look around the theatre, and why not try the stage!

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH - SATURDAY MAY 10TH

CREWKERNE: CUDOS presents "Oh What a Lovely War" - Victoria Hall, Crewkerne, at 7.30pm each night. Cost £7.00, £6.00 for concessions. Tickets available at Town Hall or phoning 01460 74380.

THURSDAY MAY 8TH

WHITELACKINGTON: Murder Mystery event, performed by members of Warehouse Theatre. Proceeds to Rotary president's Charity for the year, St. Margaret's Hospice. Organised by Brenda Lake (Community Service Chair of The Rotary Club of Ilminster). At Whitelackington Village Hall. Starting at 7pm. £13 including 2 course dinner. To book tickets contact Brenda on - 01460 249304 or by e-mail brenda.lake@hotmail.com or Celia Crookes on 01460 53964.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association monthly meeting at the Chard Conservative club at 7.30pm. This meeting will be an official meeting and any person wishing to attend will be made most welcome and do not have to be ex Naval or Military to become members. Contact of the association can be made via the secretary Roy Lovell 0460 65362 or chairman Paula Moon 01460 929041 or visit the website at royalnavalassociation.com

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non members.

FRIDAY MAY 9TH

MISTERTON: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association with Bonny Sartin entertaining with Songs, Poems and Humour from the country side.(Bonny was formally in the Dorset folk band The Yetties) at Misterton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets only £7 to include a platter of food each table, tea and coffee in the interval. Bring your own drinks otherwise glasses will be provided. Tickets can be purchased on 01460 75025, 77233 or 74808, or from Crewkerne Town Hall.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at The Victoria Hall. 1.45-4pm £2 p.p. including tea and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057.

The Boy Who Fell into a Book

ROCKFIST Slim's enemies have just plunged him into yet another desperate situation when Kevin has to close his detective book and go to sleep. However, his own adventure is only just beginning...

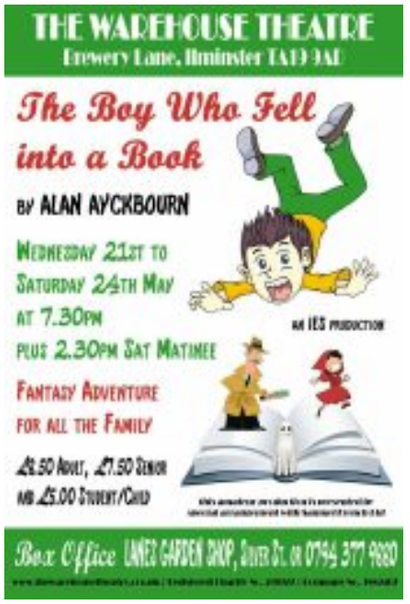
Fast-moving, fun and full of humour, *The Boy Who Fell into a Book is a* wonderfully inventive play for all the family, bringing several well-known children's books to life as Kevin and Rockfist Slim escape the baddies, plunging into and becoming part of other stories.

1999 was the National Year of Reading and so Alan Ayckbourn marked the event by writing *The Boy Who Fell into a Book*. He chose varied literary genres for his hero to dive into; also changing the style of dialogue and presentation with each 'book' Kevin and Rockfist enter. His choices of books (detective adventure, chess manual, fairy tale, children's classic, baby book and ghost story) emphasise the diversity of literature and gives the play a constantly shifting mood.

The Boy Who Fell into a Book is a play for children as well as fun-loving adults, who will recognise some of the characters from your own childhoods as well as all the enthusiastic journeys you've all gone on with your favourite books... (Suitable for 7+)

The IES production of *The Boy Who Fell into a Book* will be performed at The Warehouse Theatre, Brewery Lane, Ilminster from Wednesday, May 21st to Saturday, May 24th at 7.30pm each night, and a 2.30pm matinee performance on Saturday.

Tickets £8.50 for adults, £7.50 for seniors, and £5 for students and children. Tickets are available from Lanes Garden Shop, Silver Street, or by calling 0794 377 9880.



CUDSO to perform *Oh What A Lovely War*

CUDOS are presenting their latest show, *Oh What A Lovely War,* in this, the one hundredth year since the start of The Great War, to honour those many thousands of men who lost their lives for their King and their Country.

The Play depicts many poignant moments and will make audiences laugh and quite possibly bring a tear to some eyes.

The Show runs from Wednesday, May 7th to Saturday, May 10th showing nightly at 7.30pm in the Victoria Hall Crewkerne. Tickets are available from The Town Hall in Crewkerne or on 01460 74380.

CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, May 2nd - Thursday, May 8th

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Daily: 13.00, 15.30, 18.10, 20.50
Transcendence 12A
Fri: 13.50, 17.00, 20.10
Sat-Mon: 20.10
Tue & Wed: 14.30, 20.10
The Amazing Spider-Man 2 12A
Daily: 13.10, 14.20, 16.30, 17.30, 19.40, 20.40
Plus Sat & Mon: 11.10am
Plastic 15
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Sat-Mon: 16.00, 18.30, 21.10
Tinker Bell and the Pirate Fairy U
Sat-Mon: 10.10am
Mr Peabody & Sherman U
Sat-Mon: 10.00am
Frozen PG
Sat-Mon: 10.20am
X-Men: Days of Future Past 12A
Fri: 14.00, 17.00, 20.00
Sat-Thu: 11.00, 14.00, 17.00, 20.00
Rio 2 U
Fri, Tue, Wed: 17.30
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The Love Punch 12A
Fri: 14.45, 20.00
Captain America The Winter Soldier 12A
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Noah 12A
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Tarzan PG
Daily: 13.40, 16.10, 18.40
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The Lego Movie U Sat-Mon: 12.00
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Sat-Mon: 19.00, 21.20
Sabotage 15
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Bad Neighbours 15
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This week's new cinema releases

NEIGHBOURS 15
A COUPLE with a newborn baby face unexpected difficulties after they are forced to live next to a fraternity house.
Comedy stars Seth Rogen, Rose Byrne, Zac Efron.

PLASTIC 15
SAM & Fordy run a credit card fraud scheme, but when they steal from the wrong man, they find themselves threatened by a sadistic gangster. They need to raise £5m and pull off a daring diamond heist to clear their debt.
Comedy starring Ed Speelers, Will Poulter and Alfie Allen.

POMPEII 12A
A SLAVE-TURNED-GLADIATOR finds himself in a race against time to save his true love, who has been betrothed to a corrupt Roman Senator. As Mount Vesuvius erupts, he must fight to save his beloved as Pompeii crumbles around him.
Stars Kit Harington, Emily Browning and Kiefer Sutherland in this action epic.

BRICK MANSIONS 12A
AN undercover Detroit cop navigates a dangerous neighborhood that's surrounded by a containment wall with the help of an ex-con in order to bring down a crime lord and his plot to devastate the entire city.
Stars Paul Walker, David Belle and RZA.

TARZAN 12A
TARZAN and Jane Porter face a mercenary army dispatched by the evil CEO of Greystoke Energies, a man who took over the company from Tarzan's parents, after they died in a plane crash.
Stars Kellan Lutz, Robert Capron and Jaime Ray Newman.

Diary Dates

MISTERTON: Misterton Tennis Club - Introduction course for 4-16 year olds with new part-time coach Cameron Reilly (from DSC Coaching in Taunton). 1pm each Friday. For more details call 01460 74368 or just turn up and pay and play on the day.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Red Cross Shop fundraising Cafe Sale for Red Cross Week.

SATURDAY MAY 10TH

HINTON: Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'The Railway Man', in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact 01460 72906.

DONYATT: Plant/Coffee Morning and Cake Stall. Bedding, garden, some vegetable and house plants. Also some pots and troughs etc. At St Mary's Church from 10am-1pm. Any cakes or plant donations-Ring Trisha 01460 52076 or deliver to "No1" Dunster's Almes House, Donyatt.(next to Donyatt Church).

CREWKERNE: Royal British Legion dance at George Reynolds Centre, 8pm-12midnight. Live music from 'The Intruders' (rock and pop, 60s-present). Raising funds for the Commemorative Garden at Severalls. Tickets £6 from George Reynolds Centre or James Hardware Store. Raffle.

BARRRINGTON: Barrington & District Gardening Society Annual Plant Sale, at Barrington Village Hall from 10am-12noon. Cake stall and refreshments. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01460 54691.

TUESDAY MAY 13TH

CHARD: Chard WI Meeting at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. Visitors and new members welcome. 2nd Tuesday of every month (Excluding August).

ILMINSTER: The Ile Valley a Flower Club presents Paradise is a Garden by Tony a Brown a very well renowned flower arranger from Lutterworth. At The Warehouse Theatre. Doors 6.30 pm for 7.30 pm start. Refreshments on arrival Also a good sales table is available. Tickets are £10 available from Lanes Garden Shop Ilminster or phone 01460 75025 / 77233

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group £1 per session at Henhayes Centre. For people 70+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

CREWKERNE: Computer Group 10.00am to 12 noon at Henhayes Centre.

WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH

TATWORTH: Free talk & tea 'Lost Singers of Somerset' at Brewer Room, Tatworth Memorial Hall from 2pm. Organised by Tatworth Active Living. For more details call 01460 220198.

CREWKERNE: Bingo with cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm at Henhayes Centre.

THURSDAY MAY 15TH

CHARD: Chard Camera Club - Club meeting in the Baptist Church Hall at 7.30pm for an evening of instruction in 'Raising Our Game' followed by images from the recent 'Kingswood Salver' competition.

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: South Somerset Local RSPB Group. Film Show and Plane Sale. 'Saving the Spoonbilled Sandpiper' a film produced by the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust. Please bring along plants to sell in aid of group funds. At The Millennium Hall (TA19 0QH) from 7.30pm. Entry, including tea and biscuits, is £2.50 members, £3.50 non-members, under 18s free. Everyone welcome.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non members.

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House prices may hit an average of £1,000,000 by 2034

SHELTER and KPMG have published forecasts for house prices over the next 20 years predicting a doubling by 2034 - and maybe a quadroupling if the housing shortgage is not addressed. Startling figures - but although they make good news headlines just how credible are they.

Take first the doubling of the national average to £500,000 by 2034. This would equate to a compound growth rate of about 3.5% a year. In other words if inflation grows at the targeted 2% a year, real incomes and standards of living must rise faster than this - more in line with desired growth rates. This is not that far fetched. I have always advocated home ownership for the simple reason that in the long term the debt you take on to buy the house reduces over time, and inflation will always push property values in the other direction. Having had racehorses in the past I think I can safely say that none of mine ever ran to those kinds of odds!

Looking at the other side of the coin - for this to happen incomes will need to rise by a similar amount. Taking the past few years average wage rises which have been just under 1% this will not happen. Taking the long term trend instead, then that growth rate is nearer 4%. That makes a doubling of house prices look not just possible but inevitable. A rise in incomes of 4% would see avaerage earnings climb from £26,000 to over £56,000.

The next bit of the research which suggests an average of £1m is the bit I struggle with. That would suggest prices rising by a collossal 7% each year. For this to happen real wages would need to hit an average of over £100,000 pa. Imagine the inflation rate we would be having for that to happen - in excess of 5% - and that would mean higher interest rates and mortgage payments as a result.

In fairness to the researchers the political agenda that Shelter has is to encourage the building of more affordable housing. This would reduce the upwards pressure on prices as supply would be greater. This simplistic approach is based on the assumption that if demand goes up so will prices. This is not the case. Without the affordability part of the equation prices cannot rise. I might be happy to pay the price, but if my earnings prevent it no amount of desire will compensate for my lack of money.

Looking at the past, and extrapolating for the future, long term trends will always favour home ownership. That is because the effects of inflation and economic growth will drive up wages, costs of living, and by association property prices. There is nothing, however, to suggest that this will be any more extreme than has been the case in the past.

By Mark Savill from Novahome

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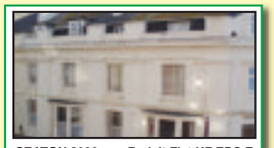

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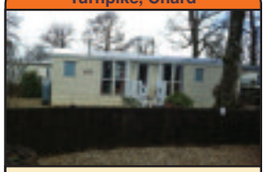

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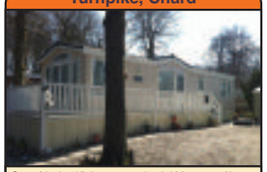

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Halcombe, Chard

Great value 3 bedroom house with garage! Hallway with WC off, living room, dining room with patio doors leading out to the garden, and kitchen. Upstairs 3 good sized bedrooms and a bathroom. Outside gardens & garage.

£145,000

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Nursery Gardens, Chard

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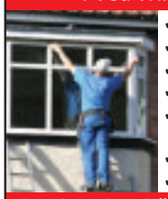

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All-New Mazda3 Joins Driving School Programme

LAUNCHED earlier this year, the all-new Mazda3 joins the popular Mazda2 on the Mazda Driving School Programme, running until 30th June, 2014. The expanded programme is aimed specifically at the thousands of qualified driving instructors across the UK who are self-employed or work for small driving schools.

Both the Mazda2 and all-new Mazda3 are available to driving instructors with a series of enticing new incentives.

The all-new Mazda3 went on sale in January and has already proved hugely popular with customers due to its stunning design, environmental and fuel efficiency benefits without compromising performance, and the manufacturer anticipates sales to further increase following its inclusion in the quarterly programme. Together with Mazda's fuel-sipping SKYACTIV technology, which also delivers outstanding crash safety performance - five star safety rating by Euro NCAP - driving instructors alike who opt for a Mazda will also benefit from these attributes.

The all-new Mazda3 is the manufacturer's latest model to feature pioneering, lightweight SKYACTIV technology offering fuel economy of up to 72.4mpg and emissions from only 104g/km for the 2.2 litre 150ps SKYACTIV-D.

Embracing both Hatchback and Fastback models, on-the-road (OTR) prices start at £16,695 for the all-new Mazda3 1.5-litre SKYACTIV-G 100ps SE Hatchback. The range also includes petrol-engined 2.0-litre 120ps and 165ps models.

The Mazda2 is an established favourite among driving schools and via the programme all models except Colour Editions are available. OTR prices start at £11,195 for the 1.3-litre 75ps SE with air conditioning. The range also includes 1.3-litre 84ps and 1.5-litre 102ps auto models.

Mazda Head of Fleet Steve Tomlinson said: "The Mazda2 is in regular demand from driving instructors. Nevertheless, it is also clear that some instructors want a larger car which delivers on safety, environmental and fuel efficiency benefits whilst also being used both to instruct pupils and as their 'main' family vehicle.

"That is why we have extended the programme to include our all-new Mazda3, which in its first four months on sale has been in huge demand from both retail and corporate customers.

"Competitive list prices, a high specification, low CO2 emissions, excellent fuel economy and strong residual values are all key factors in winning fleet business and they are among the core attributes that driving instructors are looking for when purchasing new vehicles. We believe that our new programme makes the Mazda2 and Mazda3 even more attractive to driving instructors."

To support the introduction of the all-new Mazda3 onto the programme a dual-control equipped demonstrator vehicle is available for test drive via the Mazda dealer network. To find your local Mazda dealer visit www.mazda.co.uk who can arrange the booking.

▲ All-New Mazda3

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cycling chard wheelers

Versatile Magnus shows promise

MCKINLAYS 1st Chard Wheelers Under 9 rider Magnus Larsen, rode his first ever Mountain bike race at the weekend and took an excellent fifth place over a tough, gruelling course against a quality field.

What made his achievement truly remarkable was the fact that this race was the British Schools National MTB championship.

Having travelled to Sussex for the event both young Larsen and Dad, Gary, were both delighted with the result.

The versatile and highly talented young man had already taken 4th place in the 'Rollers' racing event and now lies in third place in the overall series.

The 'Wheelers' have a rich history in the British Schools championships with Jon Kettel, Paul Barratt and Ryan White all being past National champions.

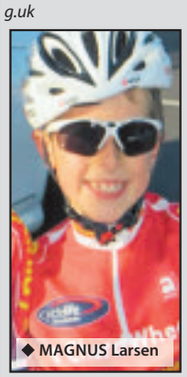
Magnus himself took a silver medal in the hill climb race and track racing bronze in the National events last year.

Circuit racing continues this week with the first Team Tor 2000 series event at Merryfield, near Ilminster on Thursday. This series is always well attended and well contested.

On the May bank holiday Monday McKinlays 1st Chard Wheelers are staging their own Open 10 mile Time Trial along the A303 from Feniton to Honiton and back.

A large Wheelers turnout is anticipated both riding and helping with the event.

If anyone would like more information about our many and varied cycling activities please ring Brandon Ellis or visit www.1stchardwheelers.org.uk



◆ MAGNUS Larsen

football combe st nicholas fc - new sponsor

THE Combe St Nicholas Fc first team has agreed a two-yeard sponsorship deal for match and training kit from Mark Pearce owner of Minster Tipper Ltd.

Mr Pearce said: " I'm pleased to be involved with such an ambitious local club as Combe.

Line-up, back row, from left: Luke Finn, Darren Brown (Captain), Liam Beer, John Simmons, Chris Scott, Chris Atyeo, Nathan Finn, Harry Boddington, Joe Simmons.

Front: Matthew Brown, Sam Hollis, Neil Wilmington (Assistant), Mark Pearce (Sponsor), Phil Loaring (Manager), Sam Symes, Owen Dodd.

jack high bowls news

Successful season openers for Severalls

CHARDSTOCK *with Gordon Bodily*
ON Wednesday, April 16th our first outdoor match of 2014 brough the visit of **Wellington** bc to

Tuesday, April 22nd: For their first outdoor game Ladies Captain Barbara Sluman welcomed eight Ladies from **Yeovil BC**.

Scores: Janet Bodily, Doris Emery, Ann Sebright & Sheila Jeffery 18 R Lovill 13. Phylis Baldwin, Ann Dredge, Sue Dando & Barbara Sluman 21 J Humphries 12. Final score: Chardstock 39 Yeovil 25.

Wednesday, April 23rd: Twelve club members travelled to **Honiton BC** to play a mixed friendly.

Scores: M Rogers, J Tucker & Sheila Jeffery 11 A Hillear 16. Gill Campbell, G Bodily & N Denslow 14 B Harris 13. Cynthia Bradford, D Eldridge & P Compton 15 E Sharman 14. Janet Bodily, Phylis Baldwin & K Wakelin 15 K Large 11. Final score: Honiton 54 Chardstock 55.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON
with Sandra Webb
TEN members of Stoke sub Hamdon travelled to **Creech St Michael** on Wednesday for a friendly game of short mat bowls.

Three matches of ten ends were played in the first half and Stoke came out on top 35 points to 17 although two of the matches were very close.

Another three games were played in the second half which were even closer but in the end Stoke ran out the winners overall 62 points to 40.

SEVERALLS *with Pru Robbins*
ON Sunday, April 13th the Outdoor Season got off to a good start on a beautiful sunny day with the **President versus Captain**'s match.

After a very pleasant afternoons bowling the President's team won by the very narrow margin of 67-65.

On Tuesday, April 15th we visited **Yeovil** for a friendly four-rink match and, although losing on three of the four rinks, Severalls team came out the winners by six shots 81-75.

Rink scores: M.Robins, A.Brolly, M.Rawe and A.Dow 21-J.Humphries 24. Jackie Stacey, C.Pocock, H.Leamon and K.Leamon 18 S.Watkins 20. L.Freeman, C.Rawe, D.Brolly and D.Rees 25 K.Bryant 12. P.Loaring, N.Austin, John Stacey and R.Devney 17 G.Brown 19.

On Saturday, April 19th we visited Westlands for our first Wessex Mixed Friendly League match of the season winning on two of the four rinks and by seven shots 84-77 and gained 12 of the 16 points available.

Rink scores: C.Phinn, A.Dowley, H.Leamon and K.Leamon 11 S.Terrell 22. S.Hodder, M.Robins, M.Rawe and R.Hodder 31 G.Saunders 12. N.Patel T.Robins S.Rees and R.Devney 17 - C.Nicholls 26. L.Freeman, C.Pocock, A.Dow and D.Rees 25 G.Windcatt 17.

On Saturday, April 26th we welcomed **Chard** for a four-rink friendly triples match and after the usual 18 ends we won by five shots 59-54.

Rink scores: N.Austin, N. Patel and R.Devney 24 B.Pinder 3. H.Leamon, P Loaring and R.Hodder 7 J.Bodily 19. M.Robins S.Hyland and M.Rawe 15 K.Johnson 16. S.Sandford T.Robins and K.Leamon 13 R.Genge 16.

Tomorrow (Saturday) we are holding a Bowls Open Day from 10.30am - 3pm - come along and have a go for free. All ages are welcome.

For more details phone 01460 77014.

We have a home match against **Lyme Regis** today (Friday) at 2.30 pm and on Sunday we are away at **Somerton** again 2.30.

CHARD *with Sandra Sumpter*
THE Lawn Green bowlers started their season this week with two away games.

The first saw them visit **Lyme Regis** on Friday, April 25th. This was a very pleasant afternoon and an incredibly close match played on four rinks. The captains managed a tied game. Overall Chard won by 64 shots to 61.

On Saturday the team headed off to **Severalls**. The weather forecast was for heavy rain so they were all relatively pleased for a dry afternoon.

It was still incredibly cold in a biting wind which can make controlling and holding the woods difficult.

This was once again played over four rinks and Chard won on three but lost by a significant margin on the fourth.

This gave the overall win to Severalls by 59 shots to 54.

MERRIOTT *with David Crisp*
MERRIOTT Bowling Club began its 80th Anniversary season when 10 members plus two wives visited the Algarve, Portugal for a week's bowling tour which was both successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Four matches in all were played and the photograph shows members at their final match in Alvor.

On the home front, the first match of the season took place on last Saturday in very windy conditions.

This was a three-rink home friendly fixture against **Eastover Park**, Bridgewater. Unfortunately Merriott lost by two rinks to one and by 57 shots to 70 overall.

Rink scores: J.Crisp, A.Williams, B.Dibble & R.Self 15 A.Culverwell 23. P. Williams, M.Heathcote, T.Jones & C.Truscott 16 P.Botting 23. E.Rush, S.Hayes, I.Kendall & A.Truscott 26 D.Williams 24.

◆ MERRIOTT bowlers pictured during their recent tour to Portugal

ON THE SPOT

Weekender Sport *puts the questions to* KINGSBURY EPISCOPI FC MANAGER

Darren Hinton

Q How old are you? and how long have you been involved in local football?
A I'm 44. I didn't get involved in local football until I was 24.

Q Which teams did you play for or manage ?
A I played for several teams in Hampshire before relocating to Kingsbury. I then played for the Wyndham Arms and Kingsbury Episcopi and am now in my first managerial role at Kingsbury.

Q Name the best three players you've played alongside.
A **Tony Pounder** (ex- Yeovil Town and Bristol Rovers) at Kingsbury about five years ago. The second was a lad called **Lee Gosling** at youth level who went on to play for Portsmouth before breaking his leg which ended his career. The third is **Adam Ordierno** who is one three of the current side who was in my original team.

Q Name the best opponents you've faced?
A I played against the ex-Portsmouth goalkeeper **Alan Knight** when he was playing as a striker in the Havant & Waterlooville Sunday League. Teamwise I was very impressed by **Baltonsborough** who beat us in the Somerset Intermediate cup this year

Q Who was your boyhood footballing hero?
A West Ham's **Trevor Brooking**.

Q Do any matches or incidents stick in your memory?
A Playing a match for Netherbury I started as goalkeeper but injured my hand, there were no subs so I played the second-half on field and scored winning goal.

Q What are your most treasured football trophies?
A My 200 caps (still a record) for my boyhood team Loddon. A Hampshire Cup winners medal with Troy Software and the recent Reg Eglon Cup with Kingsbury.

Q What was the first professional match you watched live?
A The 1978 FA Cup Final - Ipswich Town 1 (Osborne) Arsenal 0 at the old Wembley Stadium.

■ *IF you've played local football for a while, or are a retired player, and you fancy a crack at 'On the Spot' then email;* ***howard@pemedia.co.uk***

chard darts league

Premier	Pld	Pts
High 4 & a Half	18	306
BDB's	18	297
Rejects Return	17	268
New Order	17	223
Clubbers	17	223
Hobnobs	18	211
Pig Jockeys	18	205
Phoenix Poppes	18	186
Hopefuls	18	181
Downs	17	174

Most 180s: Leighton Cox (High 4 & a Half) and Paul Lawrence (BDB's) both 9. **Team**: High 4 & Half 20.

Division One (Final)	Pld	Pts
Country Classics	18	277
Happy Sharks	18	195
Pirates	18	195
Pop Darts	18	184
Cult of Personality	18	172
Stumpy's Gang	18	171
PA's	18	135
From Small Acorns	18	134
HRT	18	134
Madhouse Crew	18	126

Most 180s: Dave Mears (Country Classics) 4. **Team**: Country Classics 11.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Winning Team	18	207
Two Minute Crew	17	195
Best of a Bad Lot	18	193
We Can Do This	16	185
Chard Remains	18	176
Red Devils	18	168
Happy Days	18	162
Dizzy Tarts	18	147
Rare Breeds	18	144
B's Knees	17	132

Most 180s: James Packer (We can do This) 2. **Team**: Two Minute Crew and We Can do This - both 2.

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Division One	Pld	Pts
Martock	14	104
Ilminster	14	94
Sherborne	14	78
Chard	14	71
Yeovil	14	67
Melcombe Regis	14	67
Misterton	14	49
South Petherton	14	30

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Martock B	12	93
Weymouth	12	80
Somerton	12	71
Wincanton	12	64
Sherborne B	12	52
Somerton B	12	34
Beaminster	12	26

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Martock C	12	100
Yeovil B	12	78
Martock D	12	58
Bridport	12	56
Chard B	12	47
Yeovil C	12	42
Misterton B	12	39

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Wincanton B	12	94
Weymouth B	12	79
Sherborne C	12	71
Shaftesbury	12	56
Bridport B	12	53
Somerton C	12	41
Beaminster B	12	29

windwhistle golf

Home win double for A team

A Team

THE first league game of the season resulted in a win 3 1/2 to 1 1/2 home win against to **Burnham & Berrow**.

The best result was a 7&6 win for Jon Stone & Andy Swain.

The second league game was also at home with this time **Vivary Park** the visitors.

Once again the Windwhistle team was on good form winning 4 to 1.

The pairing of 16-year-old Alex Manley and veteran Martyn Hartley produced a fine 6&5 win.

For the third league game of the season the team headed off to face **Burnham & Berrow**.

In extremely windy conditions which suited the home team they got their revenge with a 5 to 0 win.

The pairing of Mark Drayton & Mark Crabb were unlucky to lose to their opponents on the last hole.

B Team

THE team's second league match was played at home against **Long Sutton**.

Another fine effort from the team saw them chalk up a 3½ to 1/2 win collecting nine points in the process.

Biggest winners of the day were Lee Goodland playing with Paul Manley and Shane Scott playing with Tony Roy.

Midweek Friendly Team

CAPTAINED by Steve Ellswood the midweek team had a terrific 5 to 1 win against **Yeovilton**.

scrum-down chard rugby

WITH GLYN HUGHES

Bold decision pays off as Chard are promoted

SOUTH WEST ONE PLAY OFF
TOWCESTRIANS (SW ONE EAST) 18
CHARD (SW ONE WEST) 22
Played at Towcester

WELL over 100 Chard supporters made the 350-mile round trip to see this game and they were rewarded when their side snatched a late win after a disastrous start to the game which saw them lose a key player to injury and also concede a converted try.

The home side won the toss and immediately put Chard under some pressure. They turned over some Chard possession and a swift counter attack ended with centre Marc Yeates scoring a try close to the posts which full back James Falvey converted.

Chard suffered a double whammy in that scrum half Paul Nicholls had fallen awkwardly and suffered what appeared to be a collar bone injury which needed hospital attention. All this in the opening two minutes!

Chard moved Charlie Roberts in from the wing to replace Nicholls and Ben Stead went out on to the right wing.

The Chard forwards have been the engine room of the side throughout the season and as the game progressed they began to be a real influence.

It was no surprise when Chard levelled things up from a push over try with Jim Wagstaff getting the touchdown and skipper Chris Doak adding the extras after 12 minutes.

The home forwards were looking shell shocked at the treatment they were getting and their woes increased when one of their flankers was sin binned.

Chard then deservedly took the lead when they scored a terrific team try with winger Jack Pennington getting the score wide out on the left.

The conversion failed but Chard at this time were well on top.

Pennington burst through again for what looked like a certain score but, after consulting his touch judge, the referee brought play back because of a forward pass.

In the latter stages of the half Chard failed to make the most of their superiority and got a bit sloppy with passes being dropped and kicks missing touch which in truth probably came about because of the nerves brought on by the occasion.

Shortly before the interval Chard failed to clear their lines properly and a swift counter attack by the home side ended with number eight Craig Holton going over for an excellent try.

Crucial missed conversion

Falvey hit the posts with his conversion attempt and in the end this would prove to be a crucial miss.

From the re-start Chard were awarded a penalty kick which Doak duly slotted and Chard held a narrow three point lead at the break but having been outplayed, the hosts were right back in it.

Now playing with the slight slope in their favour in the second-half Towcestrians looked a completely different outfit and put Chard under all sorts of pressure.

Such pressure often leads to penalties being given away and it was no surprise that Chard gave Falvey two opportunities to score both of which he took to put his side 18-15 ahead.

Chard then had the influential Wagstaff sent to the bin for an illegal infringement and Chard were forced to defend as if their lives depended on it.

Flanker Jason Wright was absolutely superb throughout the game and his tremendous tackling kept Chard in the match.

Chard kept things as tight as they could whilst Wagstaff was in the bin and he returned with ten minutes to go with no further damage to the score line.

The last five minutes was gripping stuff and Chard at last got deep into the home 22metre area.

They were awarded an eminently kickable penalty which would have tied things up and probably taken the game into extra-time but the brave decision to opt for a scrummage and go for the winning try was taken instead.

After several drives to the line, which resulted in a home prop being yellow carded, the referee bravely, but correctly, stunned the home supporters by awarding Chard a penalty try which Doak converted to give Chard a four point advantage.

It was a fitting and appropriate end that forward play would seal the win.

Towcestrians now needed to score a try to win and, with at least six minutes injury time being added, they had several opportunities to run the ball from penalties conceded by Chard in their desperation to hold on.

Wright was yellow carded in the final seconds but Chard won the ball to send it out of play to clinch a place in National league Division Three South West.

This is a fantastic achievement for the club who will be looking forward to playing the likes of Brixham, Barnstaple and Exmouth next season.

Chard: *Harrison, Pennington, Douglas, Massey, Roberts, Doak, Nicholls Aplin, Jenkins, Hyslop, Henly, Gosden, Parsons, Wright, Wagstaff. Replacements Stead (for Nicholls 2m) Robinson, Biss, J Massey not used.*

skittles ilminster league division one presentation night

Crusaders crowned Division One champs

ILMINSTER & District Mens Skittles League **Division One presentation night** was held at the home of the 2014 champions the Crown crusaders.

The Trophies were presented by League President Maurice Trott and chairman Mike Drayton.

The Crusaders have won the league many times under different names in the past and Maurice Trott presented Crusaders captain Simon Lee with their winners cup and individual medals.

Presentations were also made to Division One Runners up The Flying turkeys in what ended up a close season.

Also presented on the night was the award for the highest individual score. This went to F.Steed of the Rocky's Rollers and Paul Oliver from the Flying Turkeys who both hit 74.

On the night each team was represented by an individual player (15 players) in the **Jack Trott trophy** competition, and in a close battle between Sam Spurway (Flying Turkeys) who hit a credible 72 (7,16,17,9,7,17) and Darren Dabinett (Flying Turkeys Allstars) and it was Dabinett who took the win by one pin after hitting a spare on his last hand and knocking all but one pin down on his spare hand.

Darren's total of 73 included 7,16,17,9,7,17. Tied in 3rd place were Steve Elswood (The Royals) and Lee Bond (Nomads) both on 62.

The night was well supported by teams and league players and officials.

Special thanks go to sticker-ups Sammy Grinter and Connor Miller, board marker Robbie Robson, Dave and the staff at the Crown Inn for their hospitality, and chairman Mike Drayton for his kind words on a successful season.

Also on the night, the Crown Royals skittles team, who lost a member of their team during the start of the season, ran a draw in aid of the epileptic society and raised around £115, the IDSL league have decided to add to the total with a £50 donation towards their cause.

◆ **CHAMPIONS:** Crown Crusaders pictured with the championship trophy.

◆ **WELL DONE:** Maurice Trott presents Crusaders' captain Simon Lee with the Division One trophy.

◆ **SECOND PLACE:** Last season's champions The Flying Turkeys finished as runners-up.

racing point-to-point

THE Devon & Somerset Staghounds at Holnicote

Byerley Bear and Gwanako can fight out the finish of the 14-entry Devon & Somerset Staghounds Ladies' Open at Holnicote this Sunday.

The former has won six races this season. Gwanako has impressed in each of his five straight point-to-point wins. Opposition may include Classic Swain, Double Mead, in-form stable companions John Daniell and How's My Friend, recent winners at Lockinge and Woodford respectively, and Quedillac. Megan Nicholls has an alternative with Current Event, but Gwanako is fancied to outgun Byerley Bear.

Woodford winner Certain Flight, who ran well in the Cheltenham Foxhunter, will be a short priced favourite to follow up in the Men's Open.

Sobre Tresor and Didmarton winner Loose Preformer are two other contenders, although Badbury Rings winner Kostaquarta may be better suited by a left-handed track.

Kilworthy and Badbury Rings winner Aiteen Thirtythree is fancied to complete his hat-trick in the Novice Riders' race.

The Rose Loxton-trained pair Current Event and Join Together – a good winner at Stafford Cross on Sunday – Shalimar Fromentro, and course winner Trueflyingcolours are other candidates.

Leading novice, Sean Bowen, may be aboard Cock Of The Rock, but Aiteen Thirtythree gets the vote.

Janet Ackner's Ace High, who was caught close home at Badbury Rings, stands out among the eight Hunt race entries. Gerald Greenway has entered Chipley Park winner Justabout and Talab, while Mister Moonax is sure to finish strongly.

Claire Hitch's Coup Royale, winner of two races under Rules for the Colin Tizzard stable, can make a winning debut in the Confined. Former top chaser What A Friend has disappointed in his two point-to-points this season, but could be the principal threat.

Red Mile and Tucumcari look the two for the Restricted. Sparkling Miss was third in Tucumcari's Badbury race and can complete the placings.

Knight Watchman and Montecito may provide punters with a sporting run for their money in a 30-entry Maiden event.

The first point-to-point race at 2pm. The course is off the A39, 3 miles W of Minehead.

LOCAL FOOTBALL NEWS

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Crewkerne set to be crowned champs

Lyme Regis to be docked eight points for fielding ineligible player

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Bradford Town	41	97	99
Shepton Mallet	42	61	89
Wincanton Town	42	46	77
Barnstaple Town	40	36	77
Cribbs	41	27	74
Welton Rovers	42	26	74
Corsham Town	42	-9	70
Wellington	41	4	64
Almondsbury UWE	42	0	64
Chippenham Park	42	-8	63
Devizes Town	40	-3	57
Roman Glass St G	41	-9	53
Calne Town	42	4	52
Ashton & Backwell	41	-13	52
CHARD TOWN (15th)	***42***	***-2***	***51***
Wells City	42	-12	50
Cheddar	42	-24	45
Warminster Town	42	-34	42
Keynsham Town	41	-37	42
Westbury United	41	-23	41
Oldland Abbotonians	42	-50	25
Portishead Town	41	-75	16

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Clutton	31	51	73
Nailsea Utd	31	42	72
Watchet Town	30	33	68
Fry Club	32	43	66
Shirehampton	32	43	60
Minehead	31	24	55
Stockwood Green	31	3	48
Cutters Friday	31	-4	41
Berrow	29	-1	40
Nailsea Town	31	-11	39
Bishops Lydeard	31	-7	37
Bridgwater Town Res	31	-19	36
Yatton Athletic	32	-20	32
Odd Down Res	31	-35	31
Street Res	33	-38	30
ILMINSTER TOWN	***29***	***-25***	***27***
Langford Rovers*	32	-29	24
Weston St Johns	30	-50	22

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
Cleeve West Town	30	69	73
Glastonbury	30	44	60
Wells City Res	29	50	58
Staplegrove	29	37	56
Uphill Castle	29	42	54
Portishead Town Res	29	14	54
Winscombe	29	20	52
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***31***	***27***	***48***
Worle	30	11	46
North Curry	28	29	45
Nailsea Utd Res	29	-9	37
Kewstoke Lions	28	-19	32
Cheddar Res*	30	-21	27
Burnham Utd Res	30	-74	18
Nailsea Town Res*	30	-33	16
Churchill Club*	30	-79	12
Weston St Johns Res	31	-108	11

D&E Premier Div	Pld	+/-	Pts
St Martins	24	84	66
Newtown	24	60	58
Tiverton Town Res	23	64	53
Feniton	25	37	48
Thorverton	24	-5	38
Exeter University Res	21	-5	35
Budleigh Salterton Res	26	-23	34
CHARD TOWN RES	***26***	***8***	***33***
Beer Albion	25	-22	29
Seaton Town	24	-10	28
Willand Rovers Res	28	-32	28
Hatherleigh Town*	20	0	25
Topsham Town	24	-34	15
Clyst Valley	25	-48	11
Heavitree Utd	23	-74	11

**** = points deducted***

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Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Crewkerne Town	19	46	47
Shepton Beauchamp	20	34	36
Lyme Regis	16	33	36
Beaminster	18	19	34
Misterton	18	5	30
W & M Chinnock	18	-4	26
Perry Street	20	3	24
Ilminster Res	19	-18	21
Millwey Rise	19	-10	19
Combe Res*	17	-17	19
Winsham Utd (R)	20	-91	1

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
South Petherton	17	35	39
Lyme Regis Res	17	30	39
Perry Street Res	16	49	38
Barrington	17	11	22
Pymore	18	-11	22
Forton Rangers	18	-12	22
Farway Utd	18	-17	20
Netherbury	18	-9	19
Uplyme (R)	16	-19	10
Beaminster Res* (R)	17	-57	5

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd (P)	19	34	43
Luso-Chard* (P)	19	45	41
Thorncombe	19	18	36
Waytown Hounds	18	22	33
Charmouth	19	15	32
Combe A	20	4	28
Crewkerne Rangers	18	0	26
Crewkerne Town Res	20	-30	21
Ilminster Town Colts	20	-34	19
Dowlish & Donyatt (R)	19	-24	13
S.Petherton Res* (R)	19	-50	3

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Lyme Bantams (P)	18	20	37
Drimpton (P)	17	19	36
Chard Utd Res	18	11	35
Barrington Res	17	24	32
Hawkchurch Utd	17	20	29
Shepton Beau Res	18	2	26
Millwey Rise Res	17	3	25
Ilminster Town A	18	-28	16
Winsham Utd Res (R)	18	-41	11
Chard Rangers	18	-30	6

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Dynamos (P)	19	67	47
Kingsbury Episcopi	17	41	43
Forton Rangers Res*	20	35	40
Thorncombe Res	18	25	39
Combe B*	18	21	31
Misterton Reserves*	18	-4	25
Crewk Rangers Res	18	-21	21
Uplyme Res*	18	-30	12
Chard Rangers Res	20	-46	12
Farway Utd Res	19	-56	10
Hinton St George*	19	-32	9

(P/R assumes 2up/2down)
(* = Pts deducted)

CHARD TOWN 0 CRIBBS 1

Toolstation Division One - att: 76

CHARD Town ended the season-with a disappointing defeat against visitors Cribbs.

The home side started brightly and tested Matt Turner in the Cribbs goal on a number of occasions. This early pressure seemed to have paid off in the 19th minute when Mark Armstrong was brought down inside the area, but the usually dependable Sam Clark placed the spot-kick too close to Turner, who saved with ease.

Chard continued to dominate for much of the opening period with a number of shots going narrowly wide of the mark and a strike by Oscar Latas hitting the crossbar.

Cribbs came more into the game towards the end of the half when Scott Wells-Burr was called upon to make good saves from Jordan Yeo and Dave Gilroy.

Within two minutes of the restart Cribbs seemed certain to take the lead when a poor clearance fell to James Clarke, but with the goal at his mercy, he blasted the ball two yards wide of the upright.

This was quickly followed by another miss by the visitors, when Lee Brice weaved his way past three Chard players only to put his shot over the bar.

In the 74th minute a strike by Sam Spurway was turned around the post by Turner and from the resulting corner Leigh Bailey had a shot cleared off the line.

With two minutes remaining Cribbs moved the ball up the right touchline and when it was crossed into the area Yeo was on hand to smash it into the net from close range.

With time running out, the home side had one last chance to get something for their efforts as Ben Haines collected the ball on the edge of the 18 yard box, but his goal-bound shot took a deflection and sailed out of play.

CHARD*: Scott Wells-Burr, Ben Haines, Darren Hutchings, Nathan Warren (Andy Martin 78), Sam Spurway (Shaun Wells-Burr 78), Leigh Bailey, Mark Armstrong, George Chlopecki, Sam Clark, Richard Hebditch, Oscar Latas. Subs not used: Gary Warren, Jamie Barfoot, Ryan Parris.*

◆ **Chard Town U18s have clinched the Somerset Fllodlight Youth League South Division title.**

The young Robins' top spot was confirmed when rivals Elmore were beaten 4-3 by Cheddar on Monday evening.

Chard can celebrate when they entertain Glastonbury in their last game of the season at Zemabrd Lane on Tuesday.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

A POOR performance in a 4-2 home defeat against Watchet Town last Saturday has left ILMINSTER TOWN still deep in the Premier Division relegation mire.

Charlie Rutter and Andy Whitefield netted late consolations for the Blues.

Ilminster now have just five matches left to try and clamber out of the three relegation spots.

These began with the visit of Berrow last night (Thursday) in the first of a series of three successive games at the Rec.

Tomorrow's visitors are mid-table Nailsea Town with the must-win match against fellow strugglers Weston St Johns scheduled for Monday evening.

Meanwhile, COMBE ST NICHOLAS chalked up two defeats on their travels down in Division Two and have slumped to eighth spot as a consequence.

On Saturday The Saints went down 2-1 at Kewstoke Lions and this was followed by a 1-0 reverse at runaway champions Cleeve West Town on Tuesday.

Combe complete their first campaing under manager Phil Loaring when they welcome Uphill Castle to Slades Cross tomorrow.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE RESULTS

Thursday, April 24th
BILL BAILEY CUP FINAL
Barrington Reserves 2 (C.Lang 2) **Hawkchurch Utd 4** (O.Pearce, J.Larcombe, A.Dymond, M.Herrod) (*at Beaminster, att: 65*)
BARRINGTON Reserves were eventually overwhelmed by a dominant second-half display by in-form Hawkchurch United.

Mark Herrod netted from an early 25-yard free-kick to edge The Hawks ahead.

But Barrington were soon level when Chris Lang pounced on a rebound after Gethyn jenkins' intial effort had been well saved by impressive 'keeper James Mitcham.

And Lang repeated the feat in the 41st minute to edge the Yellow Hammers ahead at the interval.

Barrington had their chances in the second period but it was Hawkchurch who took theirs with goals from Andy Dymond, Ollie Pearce and jack Larcombe clinching the win.

PREMIER
SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 2 (B.Pitman, J.Spendlow) **MISTERTON 1** (S.Veale), **W & M CHINNOCK 3** (L.Williams, M.Cawley, D.White) **LYME REGIS 4** (R.Emmett, T.Edwards, R.Evans, M.Bailey pen).
DIVISION TWO
COMBE A 0 WAYTOWN HOUNDS 1 (G.Goodall).

Friday, April 25th
TOMMY TABBERER CUP FINAL
Chard United 3 (R.Milsom 2, L.Hames) **Thorncombe 3** (L.Fisher 2pens, S.Packer)
(*at Lyme Regis*)
CHARD United suffered their third penalty shoot-out defeat of the season as Thorncombe lifted the Tommy Tabberer cup for the first time in their history.

Chard grabbed the early initiative when Lee Hames smashed home a first time shot on the turn in the 14th minute.

But the Thorns were level just before the half-hour when Stuart Packer fired in a low 20-yard drive that flew in via an upright.

■ **SPOT ON:** Lee Fisher

It stayed that way until two fouls in a four-minute spell were spotted by referee Lance Turner and Lee Fisher tucked away the resulting spot-kicks.

Chard, trailing 3-1 at the break, shuffled their pack shuffled their pack to good effect for the second-half with substitute Rob Milsom forcing the extra-half hour with two fine strikes, the second a long free-kick, in the 61st and 76th minutes.

The teams couldn't be split in a extra-time with Hames going closest when he struck a post.

The Thorns netted all five of their penalties with Hames unlucky for Chard as his kick hit hit the woodwork.

Monday, April 28th
DIVISION TWO
CHARMOUTH 2 THORNCOMBE 1, LUSO-CHARD 3 (I.Costa 2, J.Pinto) **CHARD UTD 1, WAYTOWN HOUNDS 7** (J.Loveridge 2, S.Masters 2, M.Read, L.Hansford, J.Legg) **ILMINSTER TOWN COLTS 2** (P.Lewis, K.Timson).
DIVISION FOUR
MISTERTON RES 0
COMBE B 2 (S.Chadwick 2, G.Cleal).

Tuesday, April 29th
PREMIER
MISTERTON 2 (B.Brister, J.Crabb) **BEAMINSTER 1** (OG), **SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 2** (W.Aplin, A.Sweet0 **LYME REGIS 1** (J.Bond).
DIVISION ONE
FORTON RANGERS 0 PERRY STREET RES 7 (B.Cleal 4, D.O'Connor 2, J.Stewart).
DIVISION THREE
MILLWEY RISE RES 1 (G.Venn)
LYME REGIS BANTAMS 2 (D.Poole, N.Turner).
DIVISION FOUR
CHARD RANGERS RES 2 (M.Druce 2)
UPLYME RES 3 (C.Coles 2, OG).

Wednesday, April 30th
DIVISION ONE
UPLYME 3 (J.Bearpark 2, B.Bryant) **LYME REGIS RES 3** (P.Peacock, R.Evans, R.Turner)

Wednesday, April 30th
KEN HODGES CUP FINAL
Crewkerne Rangers Res 0
Merriott Dynamos 1
NEWLY formed Merriott Dynamos lifted their first trophy under manager Hung Dang with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Crewkerne Rangers Reserves at Drimpton on Wednesday evening.

The winning goal came on the hour mark from Dan Anjos, his 13th of the season, following good work from Kieran Adams.

Last Saturday's round-up

LYME Regis have been deducted eight points for fielding an ineligible player, Richie Emmett in the recent games at Ilminster and Chinnock.

Lyme secretary Rob Thom explained: "The player in question was back from University and we thought he only played for his university team midweek and thus was eligible to play.

"It turns out that someone knew this was not the case and informed the PDSL that he was registered for Surrey University in a senior Saturday league in Surrey.

"As he had not played three games or been reinstated before 31st December he was therefore ineligible to play."

At time of going to print the points have yet to be taken off the Dorset club on the PSDL offical website.

◆ Lyme Regis FC have put in place plans to move their first team to the Devon & Exeter League for the 2014-15 season.

Seasiders' officers are due to meet with D&E League representatives on Tuesday.

The club is hopeful of being entered into one of the league's top four divisions.

PERRY STREET 1 LYME REGIS 4

LYME Regis moved up to second spot in the Premier Division table after coming from behind to beat a reshuffled Perry Street line-up.

With this their last game of the season, and a midtable finish guaranteed, the hosts switched their forward and back line around and went out in relaxed mood.

They almost took the lead in the second minute when Chris Higgs scuffed his attempted clearance and the ball was immediately fired goalwards where it struck the post.

With Lyme stuttering in the face of a fierce wind Street broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute when Dan Harvey latched on to a stray pass in the Seasiders' backline before calmly rounding Higgs and rolling the ball home.

Despite the elements, and some understandable fatigue given their ludicrous end of season schedule, Lyme grabbed an equaliser two minutes before the interval when Joe Bond netted in the top corner with a fine left-footed shot on the turn.

Bond lobbed home the second on the hour before substitute Jack Durrant made the points safe with a rasping drive in the 85th minute.

Julien Simier made it 4-1 in injury-time.

WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK 1 CREWKERNE TOWN 3

CREWKERNE Town moved a step closer to the Premier Division title with a 3-1 victory in this local-derby in their penultimate game of the season.

■ **FOUR GOALS:** Brad Cleal

Jamie Spurdle fired Crewkerne ahead in the 43rd minute before the lead which was doubled seconds after the break by Brad Miles.

Miles struck again to seal the win the 70th minute before Damian Hart grabbed a late consolation.

ILMINSTER RES 0 BEAMINSTER 2

OUTGOING Beaminster manager Matt Hughes saw his side bounce back from their Challenge cup final disappointment with a good three points at the Rec.

For Hughes, who has agreed to join Ilminster as their club manager overseeing the Blues' first team in the Somerset Premier Division next season, it was an interesting afternoon as his experienced his new 'home' for the first time.

Youngster Jonah Ayunga gave Beaminster a slender half-time lead before Josh Baker sealed the win after the turnaround.

AROUND THE DIVISIONS

A JODY Bovey double kept South Petherton firmly in the running for the **Division One** title after their 2-1 win at rivals Lyme Regis Reserves.

Down at the bottom Uplyme were relegated after they could only draw 3-3 at Farway United.

However, *Weekender Sport* understands Farway fielded an ineligible player in this match.

In **Division Two** Igor Costa's third hat-trick of the season and singles from Renato Silva and Jose Marques moved Luso-Chard a step closer to promotion.

Down at the foot of the table Andrew Male (2), Matt Vinall and Nathan Doey scored the goals as Dowlish & Donyatt came out 4-1 winners in the clash of the two already relegated teams at Lightgate Lane. Jon Carter netted the consolation for hosts South Petherton Reserves.

Meanwhile, Chard United Reserves ended their **Division Three** season on a high with a 3-1 win over Barrington Reserves.

Dan Wilcox, Jamie Brown and Max Patch scored the goals but midweek results mean Chard just miss out on promotion, no bad thing according to United boss Steve Scriven who felt his young side had overachieved this season.

Chris Butler scored for Barrington whose own promotion hopes were ended by this defeat.

Over at the Woodroffe School Jordan Watts fired Drimpton into an early lead in the promotion clash with Lyme Bantams. But the experienced Seasiders stormed back to win 4-1.

Winsham United Reserves manager Richard White brought the curtain down on his 12-year career in the league. "I just wanted to say thank you to everyone associated with the league – I've played in all five divisions and have enjoyed every minute." White failed to go out with a win despite a Jamie Sweet goal in a 4-1 defeat at Millwey Rise Reserves.

Meanwhile, there were plenty of goals down in **Division Four**.

Kieran Adams and Barry Hayne both claimed hat-trick as Merriott Dynamos made sure of promotion with a 7-2 win at Crewkerne Rangers Reserves. Dan Anjos scored the other goal with Mark Holton and Elliott Greed replying.

But Kingsbury remain favourites for the title after Nigel Jeffereys (2), Adam Ordierno, Dan Neate and Luke Monk scored in a 5-0 win at Uplyme Reserves.

Thorncombe Reserves edged past Farway Reserves 3-2 courtesy of goals from Karl Smith, Craig Tovey and John Mason and could still mathematically grab an 11th hour promotion place.

But Forton Reserves have missed out despite Justin James, Josh Higgins and Steve Cockerill scoring in a 3-1 win over Mistron Reserves who had a Simon Manley penalty to show for their efforts.

Finally, Chard Rangers Reserves hopes of avoinding bottom spot are alive and well after Ian Banfield (2), Tom Woodhouse and Stuart Guest netted in a 4-2 win over rivals Hinton. Simon Knight and Ross Jewell scored for the visitors.

■ **LAST GAME:** Richard White

Midweek in brief

A 3-1 victory over title rivals Chard United on Monday evening has secured Luso-Chard a top-two finish and promotion to Division One at the first attempt.

Thorncombe's challenge ended when they were beaten 2-1 at Charmouth.

On Tuesday evening Shepton Beauchamp beat a Lyme Regis side deflated by events off the pitch to hand the Premier Division title to neighbours Crewkerne.

Down in division one Perry Street Reserves assumed the role of title favourites after they thrashed Forton Rangers 7-0, with Brad Cleal scoring four times, on their own turf.

The Division Three title race took another turn when Lyme Bantams won 2-1 at Millwey Rise Reserves to clinch a promotion spot.

The Lyme third string will be crowned champions if Drimpton fail to win at form team Hawkchurch United tomorrow.

It's getting tight in the battle to avoid the league's wooden spoon. Uplyme Reserves scrambled off the foot of the table after a 3-2 win at Chard Rangers Reserves which sees Hinton drop to bottom spot.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday)
ARTHUR GAGE FINAL
Perry Street Res v South Petherton
(at Farway United FC 3pm)
PREMIER
Lyme Regis v Millwey Rise
Misterton v Crewkerne Town
West & Middle Chinnock v Beaminster
Ilminster Town Res v Combe Res
DIVISION ONE
Uplyme v Beaminster Res
DIVISION TWO
Chard Utd v Charmouth
Crewkerne Rangers v Waytown Hounds
Dowlish & Donyatt v Luso-Chard
DIVISION THREE
Barrington Res v Millwey Rise Res
Hawkchurch Utd v Drimpton
DIVISION FOUR
Combe B v Misterton Res
Merriott Dynamos v Kingsbury Episcopi
Uplyme Res v Thorncombe Res

Monday, May 5th
JACK VENN CUP FINAL
Thorncombe v Waytown Hounds
(at Combe St Nicholas FC 3pm)
Tuesday, May 6th
PREMIER
Lyme Regis v Beaminster
DIVISION FOUR
Crewkerne Rangers Res v Kingsbury Ep
Wednesday, May 7th
DIVISION ONE
South Petherton v Perry Street Res
Thursday, May 8th
PREMIER
Misterton v Lyme Regis
Friday, May 9th
DAISY HUTCHINGS FINAL
Forton Reserves v Lyme Regis Bantams
(at Perry Street FC 6.15ko)

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